



Tax Relief for
Working Caregivers

Putting a Stop
to Elder Abuse

Lower Prescription
Drug Costs Now

Working to Protect Hoosier Seniors & Their Families

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7
Between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
IU South Bend, 1001 Wiekamp Hall, 1700 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, IN
SUMMIT SCHEDULE

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| 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. | Registration and Light Breakfast |
| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Panel Discussion on Energy and the Economy |
| 9:00 - 9:10 a.m. | Break |
| 9:10 - 10:10 a.m. | Education and the Economy |
| 10:10 - 10:20 a.m. | Break |
| 10:20 - 11:20 a.m. | Economic Development |
| 11:20 - 11:30 a.m. | Congressman Joe Donnelly Closing Remarks |

Donnelly to Hold 2nd Congressional District Economic Summit

Dear Friend,

Ensuring a better quality of life for Indiana seniors and their families is one of my top priorities in Congress. That's why one of my first votes in Congress was to empower the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate directly with drug companies to lower prices for seniors.

I'm working to shore up Social Security for every senior and for America's future. By working together, and always across party lines, we can strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

I've introduced legislation that would provide important tax relief to help families afford the skyrocketing costs of providing care to aging loved ones. I've also signed on to legislation that would help prevent elder abuse and provide more services to those who have been abused.

It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives.



Congressman Donnelly discusses Social Security and Medicare with a Hoosier senior.

Sincerely,

Joe Donnelly

Joe Donnelly
Member of Congress

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PLEASE CALL ONE OF MY OFFICES.**

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Working to Protect Hoosier Seniors & Their Families

Constituent Success Stories

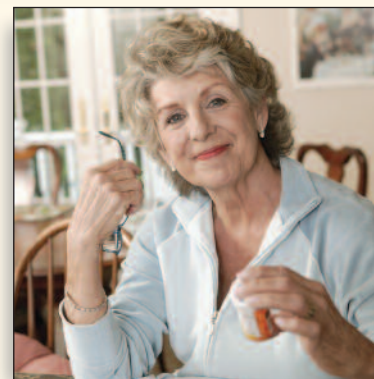


"I spent seven frustrating months trying to get Medicare to acknowledge that our former prescription provider no longer was providing coverage. It took Congressman Joe Donnelly's office about two weeks to convince Medicare to recognize the facts of the situation so we could get prescription coverage through another provider."

— David Weisman, Granger, IN



Congressman Donnelly speaks to Indiana seniors about lowering prescription drug costs.



Lower Prescription Drug Costs Now

Congressman Joe Donnelly helped lead the fight to provide lower cost prescription drugs to Indiana seniors. One of his first votes was to empower the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower prices for seniors in the Medicare prescription drug program. "Medicare should be allowed to harness the bargaining power of its 37 million beneficiaries to negotiate lower prices on prescription drugs for Hoosier seniors," said Donnelly.

Protecting Seniors From Elder Abuse

Congressman Joe Donnelly is advocating for legislation to help protect Indiana seniors by establishing an *Elder Justice* program within Social Security. By creating public-private partnerships through federal grants and state involvement, the legislation would help prevent and prosecute elder abuse and neglect wherever it happens. The bill would establish an Advisory Board on Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation to wipe out elder abuse.



Tax Relief for Working Caregivers

Congressman Joe Donnelly's bill would expand the dependent care tax credit (DCTC) to bring families overdue tax relief for the child and elder care expenses they incur while at work.

The bill would allow families to claim the DCTC on qualified care expenses paid on behalf of aging parents who do not live with the family. Current law only allows families to claim the DCTC if the individual is living in their home.



Congressman Donnelly Forms Senior Advisory Board

Congressman Donnelly is proud to announce the formation of his Senior Advisory Board designed to inform and provide feedback on issues critical to Hoosier seniors. The board is made up of senior activists, members of faith-based organizations and area businesses in our community. "This Senior Advisory Board gives me an opportunity to discuss the difficulties seniors encounter in day-to-day life. By brainstorming solutions with the members of the board, I am able to more effectively deal with tough issues like reforming Medicare and protecting Social Security," said Donnelly.



Congressman Donnelly speaks with a senior citizen about his new Senior Advisory Board.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

SOUTH BEND
Wednesday, August 8
6:00-7:00p.m. EST
Centre Township
Public Library
1150 East Kern Road
South Bend, IN

MICHIGAN CITY
Thursday, August 9
5:00-6:00p.m. CST
Michigan City
City Council Chamber
100 East Michigan Boulevard
Michigan City, IN

KOKOMO
Monday, August 20
5:30-6:30p.m.
Carver Community Center
1030 North Purdum Street
Kokomo, IN

ELKHART
Monday, August 27
5:30-6:30p.m. EST
Elkhart City
Council Chamber
229 South 2nd Street
Elkhart, IN

KNOX
Tuesday, August 28
5:00-6:00p.m. CST
Knox
City Council Chamber
101 West Washington Street
Knox, IN